THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The Government has seen the publication entitled "Malaria resurgence in India: A critical study" by Dr. V. P. Sharma of Malaria Research Centre and Dr. K N. Mahrotra of Indian Agricultural Research Institute, which primarily relates to the Malaria situation prevailing prior to the launching of the Modified Plan of Operation for malaria.

Malaria has been a major public health problem in India. To eradicate the disease in the country, a national control programme was launched in 1953 which was converted into the Eradication Programme in 1958. Though in 1965, the number of cases due to malaria had come down around one lakh cases with no deaths due to certain administrative, operational and other factors, the disease came back in a big way and around 6.46 million malaria cases were recorded in 1976.

To combat this problem, a Modified Plan of Operation for Malaria was launched which is being implemented since April, 1977 with following specific steps to control the incidence of malaria:—

(i) To contain the transmission of malaria, indoor residual insecticidal spray are being carried out in areas where Annual Parasite incidence (API) is 2 and above. (2 cases and above per 1.000 population per year).

(ii) Stress has been laid for regular fortnightly, surveillance in all malarious areas of the country.

(iii) Laboratory Services has been decentralised at the Primary Health Centre and for prompt examination of blood smears and administration of radical treatment without any time-lag.

(iv) Drug distribution centres and Fever Treatment Depots are functioning in the remote areas of the country to make available antimalaria drugs to the Fever cases.

(v) To contain P. falciparam Strain a P.falciparam containment Programme is functioning in the P.falciparam problem areas.

(vi) To control malaria in urban areas where malaria is a problem, Urban Malaria Scheme has been sanctioned for 133 towns in the country. Anti-Malaria and anti-parasite measures are being taken to abate the malaria transmission in these areas.

Since the implementation of the Modified Plan of Operation, the malaria incidence shows a declining trend by 71.3 per cent during 1985 as compared to 1976.

Complaints against Postmortem examinations in the A.I.I.M.S.

2014. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any complaints from any quarter alleging corruption and manipulations in the postmortem examinations in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Psoudonymous complaints were received alleging irregularities in the post-mortem examinations conducted at the Institute in the cases of Choudhary Mahendra Singh and Shri Bharat Bhushan on 27-4-85 and 10-12-84 respectively. The Central Bureau of Investigation had earlier made enquiries into the above mentioned post-mortem cases. The cases at present are *sub-judice* as the Supreme Court has taken cognisance of a complaint received by it and has issued a show-cause notice to All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.

Deaths due to fire in a train at Bagajatin Station

2015. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several persons were killed when they had

jumped out of a burning Suburban train at Bagajatin Station in the Sealdah Division of the Eastern Railway recently; and

(b) if so, what was the cause of the accident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Four persons were run over and killed by a suburban train at Bagajatin station of Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway when they jumped from the off side on noticing emission of smoke from a coach of EMU local SL 237.

(b) The cause of the smoke emission in the coach was due to rupture of cables carrying power current.

Private buses under D.T.C. Operation

2016. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted recently regarding the growing incidence of road accidents caused by private buses under DTC Operation;

(b) if so, what are the findings of the survey;

(c) whether it is a fact that in most of the private buses under DTC operation, drivers are required to ply their buses for 16 hours in a day without any relief; and

(d) whether the Delhi Transport Corporation has laid down any guidelines or terms and conditions to be followed by the operators of private buses under DTC operation regarding the duty hours of the drivers and the condition of the buses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) A recent study by the Delhi Traffic Police revealed that most of the drivers of P.O. buses under D.T.C. worked, in single shifts of 16-18 hours a day without any rest/relief.

(c) and (d) Section 65 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939, stipulates that no person shall cause or allow any person who is employed by him for the purpose of driving a Transport Vehicle to work for more than 8 hours in one day. As per terms of the Agreement between DTC and the Private Bus Operators, the latter are required to abide by all the statutory provisions. At the time of engagement of the private bus, the operator is required to furnish particulars and copies of photographs of two drivers employed by him.

Development of sports in educational institutions

2017. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any comprehensive plan has been prepared by Government for development of sports in the Schools and other educational institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the incentives proposed to be given for development of sports in the rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) With a view to promoting development of sports in schools and other educational institutions including those located in rural areas, sports and physical education have been made an integral part of the learning process and will be included in the evaluation of performance as provided in the National Policy on Education 1986. Meanwhile, certian new schemes for promotion of sports in schools and colleges are already in operation and among these might be mentioned incentive scheme for promotion of sports and games in schools through prize money, the National Sports Talent Search Contest, the National Sports Organisation Scheme;